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For: STRUCTURE FOR CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION, AND SUPPORT
STRUCTURE RECEIVING THRUST LOAD OF MANUAL TRANSMISSION

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The reference, US 6,309,475 B1 was cited in an European Search Report its relevance is discussed therein. Please note that the other references cited in the European Search Report were previously submitted in an information disclosure statement filed on February 14, 2008. A copy of the European Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.

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